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Attorney Docket No. 3180.0350

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In re Application of:)
HIROKO NAKAMURA ET AL.) Group Art Unit: 2123
Application No.: 10/760,522) Examiner: D. Craig
Filed: January 21, 2004) Confirmation No.: 1093
For: A METHOD FOR A PREDICTING)
A PATTERN SHAPE BY USING)
AN ACTUAL MEASURED)
DISSOLUTION RATE OF A)
PHOTOSENSITIVE RESIST)
(Amended))

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

The Japanese publication listed in this IDS was first cited in a Notice of Grounds for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office on May 22, 2007, in a counterpart Japanese application, and this IDS is being filed within thirty days of the mailing date of that communication and therefore within thirty days from its receipt by any individual

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed Japanese publication, an English language version of the Notice of Grounds for Rejection citing the document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. In addition, an English-language abstract of the listed Japanese publication is attached.

Applicant notes that that Notice also lists and discusses two additional Japanese publications. These publications were previously submitted as follows:

Japanese Publication No. 11-214373 was submitted with the IDS filed on March 27, 2007; and

Japanese Publication No. 10-064792 was submitted with the IDS filed on February 9, 2005.

Since copies of these Japanese publication have already been submitted, they are neither listed on the attached Form nor are they provided herewith.

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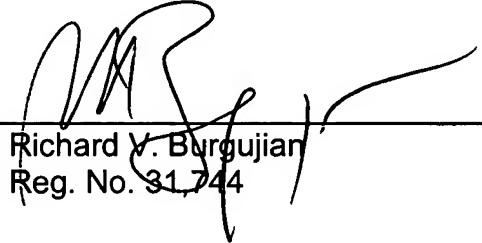
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Respectfully submitted,

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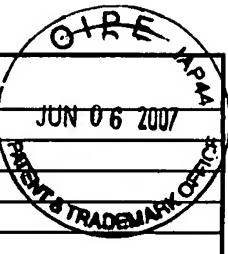
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